

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1657 - HB 1604

March 25, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to determine certain professionals who can evaluate a person's need for isolation and restraint within one hour of intervention.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) assumes that "professional" refers to a "qualified mental health professional" which is defined in TCA § 33-1-101(18).
- DMHDD will not incur a fiscal impact because there will not be a change in the mental health care professionals which will be authorized to determine the use of isolation and restraints.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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